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Is Inviting Mr. K Our Final Blunder?

To the Editor of The Courant:

At the recent U.S. governors conference in Puerto Rico our Director of Central Intelligence, Allen Dulles, said: "The evidence is overwhelming that the Soviets intend to use nuclear blackmail as a major weapon to promote their objectives — namely to spread communism throughout the world."

If this is the case is it possible that we are submitting to blackmail in our current preparations for the visit of Nikita Khrushchev? Is this the final blunder, the final loss of face, in a long series of concessions? Surely the pattern of our foreign policy of the last few years (witness Poland, Hungary, Red China, etc.) does not take its form from that policy which "in the course of human events" has established our country as the leading power of the world.

As a Connecticut resident I am sincerely grateful to and proud of our courageous Senator, Thomas Dodd, whose lone voice crying out in the darkness, as it were, of even our U.S. Senate, sheds a thin beam of light on this altogether frightening appeasement to the U.S.S.R.

In conclusion may I say to you that your warm invitation to Mr. Khrushchev to visit my beloved New England touched me deeply, as I am sure it will touch Mr. K's enormous heart. I only hope that he does not choose Hartford as his Berchtesgaden.

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